

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are now pending.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because "the abstract should be limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words." Applicant has replaced the abstract with a shortened version of the abstract as filed. The abstract is thus supported by the application as originally filed and no new matter is included. Accordingly the objection should respectively be withdrawn.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: paragraph [0028] sets forth the USPTO Disclosure Documents 511808, 511810, 511811 and 511812 are included in the Figures Section. Said documents are not drawing figures and therefore said statement is an improper reference thereto. The Figures Section has been changed to the Appendix section.

Claim interpretation

Applicant acknowledges Examiner's statement that the claims set forth preferred species of dechlorination agents and employ the language "such as" in claim 1. The claim reads on the genus and the species have been given little or no patentable weight other than as examples of the genus.

Applicant's language, "but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention" has been removed from all of the claims.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 112

5. Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s)

contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The claims set forth a quatrepolymer composition but lack a description of said quatrepolymer constitution. Applicant will provide this information in a future continuation-in-part application.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Each of the twelve claims set forth the language: "but should not be a limitation upon the scope of the invention". This language has been deleted.

Claim 1 is indefinite because it is unclear where the alternative grouping ends and what are the composition being claimed due to the multiple use of "and" and "or" in the alternative groupings. Applicant has deleted the term "or".

The prior art provided for applicant's convenience, Faust et al, 4,087,360, has been considered.

Applicant has made a sincere effort to amend the claims in of this application to overcome the Examiner's objections.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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